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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(*L. S.*) *To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the poor; for laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges; for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for expenses of Memorial Day, and decoration of soldiers' graves.

6. To see if the town will vote to procure a safe, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase the same.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase a road machine.

8. To see if the town will purchase a new hearse and build a new hearse house, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same.

9. To see what the town will do in regard to improving the Town Hall.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1885.

GEORGE S. WEBSTER,
CYRUS F. MARSTON,
DWIGHT M. MITCHELL,
} Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

GEORGE S. WEBSTER,
CYRUS F. MARSTON,
DWIGHT M. MITCHELL,
} Selectmen of Chester.

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TOWN OF CHESTER.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1884.

MODERATOR—Charles A. Wilcomb.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

REPRESENTATIVE—Charles A. Wilcomb.

SELECTMEN—George S. Webster, Cyrus F. Marston, Dwight M. Mitchell.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Dwight M. Mitchell.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Harriette A. Melvin.

TREASURER—John W. Noyes.

COLLECTOR—Albert F. B. Edwards.

AUDITORS—Addison A. Bean, Augustus P. Morse, Charles Chase.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST—Charles S. Wilcomb, Albert F. B. Edwards, Silas F. Learnard.

Taxes assessed for the year 1884, are as follows:

State Tax, - - -	$1,020 00	
County Tax, - - -	709 36	
School Tax required by law, -	892 00	
Town Tax, - - -	1,500 00	
School House Tax in District No. 3, -	125 00	
School House Tax in District No. 7, -	93 00	
Non-resident Highway Tax, -	123 95	
Tax on Dogs, - -	64 00	
Per cent. added, - - -	89 78	
Taxes omitted in April, assessed and added to list, - -	5 20	
		$4,622 29
Resident Highway Taxes of 1883 unpaid July 5th, 1884, committed to the collector for collection, -	78 00—	78 00
Total amount committed to the Collector for collection. - -		$4,700 29

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Raised by Tax, - -	$892 00	
Literary Fund, - -	114 24	
Balance of Dox Tax for 1882 and 1883, -	84 50	
		$1,090 74

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer for the following purposes:

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, Charles G. McDuffie, -	$272 09	
2, Mary A. Bell, -	158 55	
3, Horace W. West, -	175 83	
4, Emerson H. Childs, -	67 38	
5, Garland Smith, -	54 84	
6, Oren F. Page, -	75 91	
7, Augustus P. Morse, -	89 87	
8, Luther B. Lane, -	78 37	
9, Amos Sanborn, -	57 04	
10, Oliver H. Tarleton, -	45 02	
District No. 1, in Auburn, Alexander M. Balou,	15 84	
		$1,090 74

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

C. F. Marston, 6 chairs, - -	$3 00	
C. F. Marston, 75 chairs, - -	37 60	
Frederick Griffin, use of hall eight times,	4 00	
		$44 60

FIRE WARDS.

New England Linen Hose Co., for hose and couplings, - -	$28 50	
Express on the above, - -	35	
C. A. Wilcomb, for rope and padlock, -	57	
		$29 42

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Temple & Farrington, collector and surveyor's books,	$2 64	
Charles Bartlett, printing check-lists,	5 00	
Charles Bartlett, printing reports, 1883,	25 25	
Charles Bartlett, printing tax bills,	2 40	
E. C. Eastman, order book,	1 00	
A. A. Bean, getting reports printed,	1 50	
Charles Bartlett, printing blank warrants,	1 50	
		$39 29

SCHOOL HOUSE LOTS.

District No. 3, Horace W. West,	$125 00	
7, Luther C. Stevens,	93 00	
		$218 00

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Anderson Holman, district No. 15,	$3 93	
Ivory J. Lovering, district No. 11, repairs on Branch bridge,	16 40	
John P. Robie, district No. 1, for gravel purchased,	7 44	
Asahel Weeks, district No. 15, repairing bridge,	1 30	
Oren F. Page, district No. 9, bridge plank,	6 24	
John F. Robie, district No. 14, labor,	1 87	
George W. Merrill, district No. 8, posts and rails,	6 00	
		$43 18

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Addison A. Bean,	$6 00	$6 00

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Arthur L. Emerson, 4 births, 11 deaths,	$3 75	$3 75

BREAKING ROADS.

Leon B. Richardson, district No. 6,	58 25	
Chas. N. Fitz, district No. 2,	16 48	
John P. Robie, district No. 1,	29 39	
Richard B. Morse, district No. 4,	5 69	
James M. Heath, district No. 9,	9 30	
Anderson Holman, district No. 15,	13 23	
James D. Lane, district No. 13,	11 25	
Rufus W. Moore, district No. 5,	1 94	
Frank W. Warren, district No. 17,	7 31	
Clark B. Hall, district No. 7,	13 38	
Charles S. Wilcomb, district No. 3,	3 00	
Charles H. Knowles, district No. 12,	12 62	
Horace E. True, district No. 11,	4 00	
Charles S. Wilcomb, district No. 3,	3 93	
George W. Clark, district No. 14,	5 86	
John P. Robie, district No. 1,	4 60	
James D. Lane, district No. 13,	13 75	
Asahel Weeks, district No. 15,	12 32	
George W. Weeks, district No. 5,	14 00	
Charles N. Fitz, district No. 2,	9 42	
Samuel G. Healy, district No. 5,	6 59	
John P. Robie, district No. 1,	9 05	
Oren F. Page, district No. 9,	2 38	
Edward West, district No. 10,	10 25	
John F. Robie, district No. 14,	8 40	
Albert J. Merrill, district No. 8,	8 22	
Benj. F. Hazelton, damage crossing field in winter,	3 00	
		$247 61

CEMETERY.

Robert H. Hazelton, care cemetery,	$4 00	
Addison A. Bean, work on wall,	2 50	
Dale Bros., for moving hearse house,	3 50	
Dwight M. Mitchell, work on wall,	8 25	$18 25

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED.

Anderson Holman, district No. 15,	$2 10	
Frank W. Warren, district No. 17,	3 94	
Samuel S. Morse, district No. 4,	7 50	
Charles F. True, district No. 12,	5 90	
Charles N. Fitz, district No. 2,	24 07	
Edward West, district No. 10,	1 47	
James D. Lane, district No. 13,	11 83	
Clark B. Hall, district No. 7,	12 39	
Ivory J. Lovering, district No. 11,	6 39	
Albert F. B. Edwards,	30 96	
J. W. Smith, district No. 15,.	30	
Edward West, district No. 10,	6 00	
Asahel Weeks, district No. 15,	1 55	
George W. Weeks, district No. 5,	8 85	
Oren F. Page, district No. 9,	7 25	
		$130 50

REAL ESTATE PURCHASED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN AT COLLECTOR'S SALE FOR TAXES, OF RESIDENTS, TAX AND COST.

Estate taxed to Mrs. Lewis Kimball, for the Lewis Kimball heirs,	$132 12	
Estate of James A. Raymond,	7 05	
Estate of D. W. Garland, Eleazer Young, trustee,	10 98	
Estate of Asahel Weeks,	27 93	
Estate of J. C. Hazelton,	5 76	
Estate Wm. P. Underhill,	94 80	
Estate Samuel A. Blackstone,	4 63	
		$283 27

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Albert F. B. Edwards, Collector, discount on taxes paid before August 1st, 1884,	$60 23—	$60 23

NON-RESIDENT ESTATE PURCHASED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN AT COLLECTOR'S SALE FOR TAXES, FEB. 6TH, 1885, TAX AND COSTS.

Land taxed to Charles Sanborn, of Sandown,	$22 27	
Land taxed to David Sleeper, -	4 55	
Land taxed to John C. Hazelton, -	2 54	
Land taxed to H. and L. Simonds, -	4 80	
Land taxed to — Sargent, of Haverhill, Mass.	7 23	
		$41 39

COLLECTING TAXES.

S. F. Learnard, for balance of 1882 list, -	$12 13	
S. F. Learnard, for balance of 1883 list, -	38 03	
A. F. B. Edwards, on account of 1884 list, -	51 75	
		$101 91

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1882.

Charles P. Spofford, left town. -	$1 45
John Dennison, left town, -	1 45
George L. Sherman, unable, - -	1 45
Charles Allen, left town, - -	1 45
Jonathan B. Carr, unable, - -	1 69
Charles H. Knights, paid in Fremont, -	1 45
Samuel Cowdry place, balance due, -	2 23

LIST OF 1883.

William C. Ela, deceased, - -	1 87
David Laro, left town, - -	2 82
Adolphus Laro, left town, - -	1 60
Charles A. Underhill, paid in Manchester. -	1 25
Charles Willey, left town, - -	1 25
Charles P. Spofford, paid in Amesbury, -	1 25
Albert Spofford, paid in Amesbury. -	1 25
John Dennison, left town. -	1 25
John Dorr, left town, - -	1 25
Nehemiah Martin, wrong tax, -	1 25

Andrew J. Shattuck, left town,	$1 25		
Edward D. Worthen, left town,	1 25		
Charles Warren, wrong tax,	1 25		
George L. Sherman, unable,	1 25		
Charles Allen, left town,	1 25		
Daniel O. Hutchens, left town,	1 25		
Andrew Magarett, left town,	1 25		
Clement A. West, paid in Haverhill, Mass.,	1 25		
Henry E. Merrill, paid in Fremont,	1 25		
John C. Haines, left town,	1 25		
Charles H. Knights, paid in Fremont,	1 25		
Edwin Jones, wrong tax,	2 00		
Walter I. Martin, wrong tax,	1 00		
Lester N. Haines, left town,	1 33		
LIST OF 1884.			
Dale Bros., Steam Mill, paid in Nottingham,	8 32		
Alva Sanborn, wrong tax,	.53		
			$53 14

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. T. Morse, bolt for watering trough,	$ 50		
S. S. Parker, for Decoration day,	50 00		
Marston & Eastman, legal advice,	2 00		
			$52 50

BOUNTY ON WOODCHUCKS.

C. F. Marston, 55 woodchucks,	$5 50		
G. S. Webster, 44 woodchucks,	4 40		
D. M. Mitchell, 38 woodchucks,	3 80		$13 70

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST.

C. S. Wilcomb,	$4 00		
A. F. B. Edwards,	4 00		
S. F. Learnard,	2 00		
Rufus W. Moore,	2 30		$12 00

TOWN CLERK.

Cyrus F. Marston, services and expenses, -	$20 00—	$20 00

TOWN TREASURER.

John W. Noyes, - -	$25 00—	$25 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Harriette A. Melvin, - -	$40 00—	$40 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

George S. Webster, - -	$45 00	
Cyrus F. Marston, - -	27 75	
Dwight M. Mitchell, - -	36 25—	$109 00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

George S. Webster, - -	$13 60	
Cyrus F. Marston, - -	5 00	
Dwight M. Mitchell, - -	9 47—	$28 07

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Dwight M. Mitchell, services and expenses,	$15 00—	$15 00

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Addison A. Bean, - -	$2 00	
Augustus P. Morse, - -	2 00	
Charles Chase, - -	2 00—	$6 00

AUDITORS' AND SELECTMENS' EXPENSES.

Addison A. Bean, - -	$4 50—	$4 50
Total, - -		$2,737 05

GEORGE S. WEBSTER,
CYRUS F. MARSTON,
DWIGHT M. MITCHELL,
} Selectmen of Chester.

REPORT OF DWIGHT M. MITCHELL, OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Mrs. Hattie Knippee, for boarding Edmund K. Morse, from Feb. 15th, 1884, to Feb. 13th, 1885,	$92 80		
Webster Brothers, for underclothing,	2 00		
Lafayette Chesley, for medical attendance,	6 00		
		$100	80
A. A. Bean, moving goods of Ernest O. Raymond, to Haverhill, Hass.,	4 00		
		4	00
Frank P. Brown, for goods furnished Hannah L. Currier, from Feb. 14th, 1884, to Feb. 14th, 1885,	65 00		
		65	00
Rockingham County, for board of Mary A. Johnson, from March 1st, 1884, to March 1st, 1885,	130 00		
For shoes and other clothing for same,	5 00		
		135	00
Rockingham County, for board of Clarence A. Weymouth, from March 3d, 1884, to April 21st, 1884,	17 50	— 17	50
G. W. Merrill, house rent for Johnson family, from Feb. 7th, 1884, to Feb. 7th, 1885,	30 00	— 30	00
Total for town paupers,		$352	30

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Daniel Sanborn, for goods furnished Otis Woodward and family,	$9 89		
		$9	89
Mrs. Rufus Abbott, for nursing Francis Mead,	$2 00		
Simon Hazelton, for room and trouble for same,	3 00		
Webster Brothers, for goods furnished,	1 69		
E. J. Wilcomb, for meat,	76		
Lafayette Chesley, for medical attendance,	15 00	22	45

O. G. Sanborn, for transients,	-	$2 00	
			$2 00
Total for County paupers,	-		$34 34
Received of Rockingham County, and paid the Town Treasurer,	-	-	$34 34

DWIGHT M. MITCHELL,
Overseer of the Poor.

CHESTER, N. H., February 21st, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year past, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

ADDISON A BEAN,
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE, } Auditors.
CHARLES CHASE,

NOTICE.

All Taxes assessed in the Town of Chester for the year 1884, not paid, on or before, the first day of April next, will be advertised, and collected as the law directs.

ALBERT F. B. EDWARDS,
Chester, February 21st, 1885. Collector.

Number of Marriages during the year,	4
Number of Births, - -	10
Number of Deaths, - -	17

RECORD OF DEATHS.

DATE OF DEATH. 1884.		AGE. Years.	Months.
Jan. 1.	Gerry Whiting Cochrane, -	75	9
Feb. 16.	Charles M. Green, -	42	10
Feb. 23.	Adaline A. Chase, - -	83	1
March 22.	Mary P. Chase, - -	50	5
May 2.	Jane Griffin, - -	66	2
May 29.	Isabelle E. S. Woodward, -		2
May 31.	Matthew Forsaith, - -	66	9
July 5.	Betsey Thompson, - -	83	8
July 27.	John Lane, - -	53	8
August 24.	Mathew McGuiness, - -	55	
Sept. 2.	Florence Shattuck Clay, -	19	1
October 6.	Caroline Davis, - -	65	
Nov. 27.	Nellie M. Hazelton, - -	22	9
Dec. 23.	Phebe E. French, - -	67	6
Dec. 27.	Mianda J. Weeks, - -	61	6
Dec. 25.	Charles D. Thompson, -	81	
Dec. 10.	Margaret Green, - -	79	

BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL.

Nov. 26.	Charles W. Underhill,	31	10

If parents would see that the names of their children are recorded in the town records, it would greatly increase the utility of the same.

Dr. THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1884-5.

To cash paid for	Printing and stationery	$39 29
"	Breaking roads	247 61
"	Non-resident taxes worked out	130 50
"	Improvements on roads and bridges	43 68
"	State tax	1,020 00
"	County tax	709 36
"	Cemetery expenses	18 25
"	Collecting taxes	101 91
"	Allowed collector, discount on taxes paid before Aug. 1	60 23
"	Superintending school committee	40 00
"	Town treasurer's salary	25 00
"	Town clerk's salary	20 00
"	Supervisors' services	12 00
"	School money to districts	1,090 74
"	Overseer of poor, services and expenses	15 00
"	Support of poor	386 64
"	Selectmen's services	109 00
"	Selectmen's expenses	28 07
"	Town debt, notes taken up	1,388 42
"	Abatement of taxes	53 14
"	Auditor's services	6 00
"	Auditor's and selectmen's expenses	4 50
"	School-house tax in Dist. No. 7, and Dist. No 3	218 00
"	Sheep killed by dogs	6 00
"	Expenditures by fire wards for new hose etc.	29 42
"	Bounty on woodchucks	13 70
"	Repairs and expenses of town hall	44 60
"	Legal advice	2 00
"	Returns of births and deaths	3 75
"	Real estate bought at collector's sale	324 66
"	Decorating soldier's graves	50 00
Balance in the hands of the treasurer		582 75
		$6,824 22

JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER. *Cr.*

1884.			
March		By balance in the treasury Feb'y 23, 1884	$485 01
	14.	By cash of S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	300 00
	15.	" F. Griffin for use of town hall	30 00
	29.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	200 00
April	2.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	150 00
	5.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1882	50 00
	5.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	150 00
	11.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	100 00
June	11.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	200 00
	11.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1882	50 00
	11.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	100 00
	14.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	100 00
July	12.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	150 00
	23.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	100 00
	26.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	500 00
	30.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	600 00
Aug.	2.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	300 00
	21.	" J. A. Raymond to redeem real estate sold for taxes	7 16
Nov.	5.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	200 00
	7.	" J. C. Hazelton to redeem real estate sold for taxes	6 10
Dec.	1.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	450 00
	13.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	300 00
	1885.		
Jan.	8.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	200 00
	30.	" S. F. Learnard on tax list of 1883	200 00
Feb.	6.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	200 00
	14.	" State Treasurer, savings' bank tax	1,150 86
	14.	" State Treasurer, railroad tax	76 41
	14.	" State Treasurer, literary fund	118 72
	14.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	150 00
	18.	" S. F. Learnard, interest collected on taxes	24 01
	18.	" S. F. Learnard, highway taxes collected	14 81
	19.	" County for support of poor	34 34
	19.	" State Treasurer, bounty on woodchucks and crows	26 80
	19.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1884	100 00
			$6,824 22

JOHN W. NOYES, *Town Treasurer.*

Chester, February 21, 1885.

STATEMENT.

The Town owes notes as follows, all on interest at four per cent. per annum, interest cast to March 1, 1885:

1878.			
Feb. 1.	Duty Ann Morse,		$384 13
1.	Moses Webster,		1,124 86
1.	Jonathan Pressey,		990 22
1.	Sarah Ann Morse,		1,184 90
1.	Joseph Webster,		858 09
15.	Daniel Sanborn,		1,318 09
1881.			
Aug. 15.	Lydia Carr,		106 42
	Amount of notes outstanding,		$5,966 71

From which deduct as follows:

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	$582 75	
Balance due on A. F. B. Edward's tax list of 1884,	1,250 29	
Balance due from the United States,	895 00	
Claim on real estate of residents, sold for taxes of 1883, bought by Selectmen for the town,	270 46	
Claim on real estate of non-residents, sold for taxes of 1884, bought by Selectmen for the town,	41 39	
		3,039 89
Balance against the town, March 1, 1885,		$2,926 82
Amount of reduction the past year,		$1,271 72

JOHN W. NOYES,
Treasurer.

Chester, February 21, 1885.

CHESTER, N. H., February 21st, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Town Treasurer for the year past, and find the same correctly cast, and well vouched.

ADDISON A BEAN,
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,
CHARLES CHASE,
} Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR 1884-5.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Money, $272.09.
CHARLES MCDUFFEE, Prudential Committee.
Miss Nellie B. Sleeper, Teacher.

A good work has been done in the school this year. The pupils, with few exceptions, appear to be industrious and anxious to make a good use of their privileges, and have made an effort to attend school punctually, even in severe weather.

While Miss Sleeper has allowed some freedom to the little ones, she has been watchful of their manners, required obedience to school regulations, and trained them to pass into and out of the room in an orderly manner.

Their progress in reading, spelling and writing from dictation, has been rather unusual, and the prompt and animated manner of their recitations was gratifying to the listeners.

Three terms. 31 7-10 weeks. Pupils, 54. In the honor roll, 20.

District No. 2. Money, $158.55.

Mrs. Mary Bell and Mr. Frank Leighton, Prudential Committee.

Miss M. M. Melvin and Miss M. E. Wilcomb, Teachers.

The school is commendable for good utterance, good order, and habits of application. The older pupils have the wisdom to continue their school days as long as possible, and, while they are gainers themselves, their attendance helps to raise the standard of scholarship, and establish that good understanding which evidently exists between teacher and pupils.

In the fall term the teacher engaged the geography classes in map-drawing, in which direction they may become expert with further time and practice.

Two terms. 21 weeks. Pupils, 28. Honor roll, 6.

District No. 3. Money, $175.83.

Horace West, Prudential Committee.

Miss H. Florence Taylor and Miss M. Ada Brown, Teachers.

The summer term of seven weeks, was taught by Miss Taylor, who brought to her work some experience, much earnestness, and a love for little children. She left the school in a good condition, and was engaged for the fall term. Prevented by illness from coming, Miss Brown's services were secured for the remainder of the year. In this, her first experience as teacher, she acquitted herself with unusual ability, keeping the school under good control and in good temper, and closing the year with a thorough examination of the pupils as to the *reality* of the work they had performed.

The irregularity of attendance has greatly interfered with the children's progress, many of whom might have accomplished twice the amount of work they did, if they had been present every day of the term.

Two terms. 24 weeks. Pupils, 27. Honor roll, 1.

District No. 4. Money, $67.38.
Emerson Childs, Prudential Committee.
Miss M. Abbie Dale, Teacher.

Miss Dale is conscientious and painstaking teacher, whose examinations evince the thoroughness of the daily instruction. The summer term was short and broken by illness, but the work of the fall term was satisfactory.

Two terms. 13 weeks. Pupils, 12. Honor roll, 2.

District No. 5. Money, $54.84.
Garland Smith, Prudential Committee.
Miss Nellie M. Emerson and Miss Dora A. Abbott, Teachers.

The aspect of the school has been encouraging this year, and more than usual animation has characterized the recitations; the interesting exercise upon the map of New Hampshire, recited by the younger children, at the close of the summer term, should give them some intelligent ideas about their native state. The school was obliged to change teachers in the fall but suffered no drawback in consequence.

Miss Abbott is a quiet and efficient teacher, whose work deserves approval.

Two terms. 15 weeks. Pupils, 10. Honor roll, 5.

District No. 6. Money, $75.91.
Oren F. Page, Prudential Committee.
Miss Jessie B. Clarke and Miss Vina M. Richardson, Teachers.

This school has done credit to its teachers, this year. Miss Clarke, who taught the summer term, has the quiet energy, patience and ingenuity which characterize those who are "apt to teach." Her health did not allow her to return, and Miss Richardson resumed her old place and work in the fall. The zeal and determination with which some of the children undertook map-drawing, resulted in some very well finished and accurate maps, at the close of this term.

Two terms. 15 3-10 weeks. Pupils, 18. Honor roll, 10.

District No. 7. Money, $89.87.
Augustus P. Morse, Prudential Committee.
Miss Jennie P. Hazelton, Teacher.

Another year of hard work was followed by most gratifying examinations. Everything is done to make work inspiring and attractive, and to awake an interest extending beyond that which is found simply in the text books; but these methods are not made a substitute for hard study, and the thorough mastery of the knowledge which lies *within* the books. Classes were formed in Higginson's U. S. History, with very evident success. This book is recommended now to all who are intending to take up the study of history.

Two terms. 17 weeks. Pupils, 32. Honor roll, 22.

District No. 8. Money, $78.37.
Luther B. Lane, Prudential Committee.
Miss Nellie J. Wilbur, Teacher.

Miss Wilbur's first experience in teaching was a successful one. She governed easily and quietly, and taught with a good understanding of the studies. There was a marked advance, in punctuality, and some improvement in distinctness of recitation. But much more needs to be accomplished in this latter direction.

Two terms. 17 weeks. Pupils, 18. Honor roll, 9.

District No. 9. Money, $57.04.
Amos Sanborn, Prudential Committee.
Miss Charlotte L. Cram and Miss Eliza M. Crawford, Teachers.

Good earnest work has been done in this little school this year, which received the cordial appreciation of the parents. The entrance of two little ones in this school gives the teacher opportunity to give some oral instruction about common things. The "object teaching," for which there seems so little time in our larger schools, might here be made very entertaining and helpful.

Two terms. 14 6-10 weeks. Pupils, 4. Honor roll, 1.

District No. 10. Money, $45.02.
Oliver H. Tarlton, Prudential Committee.
Mrs. E. S. Hooke, Teacher.

This school has gone on in its usual way of punctuality, diligence and good behavior. In punctuality especially — nothing more can be asked. The teacher gives a little free tuition, but in this as in some other schools, one can not help wishing we could see what might be done for the children, with longer terms and shorter vacations.

Two terms. 14 weeks. Pupils, 12. Honor roll, 11.

The blackboards should be inspected every year, to see if they are in a good condition. A polished surface does not retain the chalk as well as a dead black. Districts No. 3, 5, and 6 need more blackboards. The boards in No. 1 need some kind of renovation.

List of Text Books in use :

Appleton's Readers,	Harrington's Graded Speller,
Robinson's Primary Arithmetic,	Colburn's Mental Arithmetic,
Greenleaf's Written Arithmetic,	Warren's Geographies,
Swinton's Language Lessons,	Brown's Grammar (in some
Brand's Lessons on the Human Body.	(schools.

Higginson's Young Folks U. S. History is recommended ; also, Meservey's Book-keeping.

ROLL OF HONOR.

A list of the names of those who have been punctually present every half day of a term :

District No. 1.

Georgiana Edwards,*	Gertrude Edwards,*
Sadie Edwards,*	Frank Fiske,
Gertrude Green,*	Eldora Griffin,*

Etta McDuffee,
Arthur McDuffee,
Lily Melvin,*
Laura Morse,*
Mamie Morse,
Arthur Rogers,
Addie Smith,†
Jennie McDuffee,
Kate Melvin,
Julia Morse,*
Nellie Morse,*
Eugene Morse,
George Sanborn,*
Lillie West.

District No. 2.

Lucy Bell,
Clara Chase,*
Nettie Morse,
Samuel Bell,
Bertie Couch,
Mattie Coolidge.

District No. 3.

Jennie F. Parker.

District No. 4.

Jennie W. Buchanan,
Frank F. Smith.

District No. 5.

Alice B. Abbott,*
Georgie A. Abbott,
Susie C. Smith.
Ida M. Abbott,
Rena W. Smith,*

District No. 6.

Frank Andrews,*
Herman Rollins,
Osman Spofford,*
James Towle,
Dora V. West,
Anna A. Purington,
Alice G. Spofford,*
S. Alice Towle,*
Newton West,*
Bertie West.

District No. 7.

Daniel O. Coomes,
Hattie M. Collins,*
Herbert L. Collins,*
Russell M. Everett,*
Frank R. Green,
Fred S. Hazelton,*
Hattie B. Crowell,*
Annie E. Collins,
Leslie R. Crowell,*
Cora B. Follansbee,*
Willie W. Green,
Nellie M. Johnson,*

* Two terms. † Three terms.

Jimmie Johnson,
Roy D. Morse,*
May E. Norris,
Herbert F. Crowell,
Herman Follansbee,*
M. Nettie Morse,
Georgiana Norris,*
Daniel V. N. Norris,
Alice L. Tenney,
Eben G. Follansbee.*

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Anna L. Lane,*
Oscar M. Lovering,*
Abbie E. Stevens,*
Susie J. Wason,*
Jennie W. Stevens.
Etta A. Lovering,*
Walter W. Lane,
Mary E. Stevens,
Willie B. Wason,*

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Ella J. Sanborn.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Charles W. Cammett,*
John V. Emerson,*
Warren M. Emerson,
Florence M. Lane,
Marion E. Lane,
Mary L. Tarlton.*
Bertie E. Emerson,*
Charles H. Emerson,*
Jennie B. Knights,*
Mary F. Lane,
Emma F. Parker,*

* Two terms.

CHESTER ACADEMY.

The term in the Academy, under the charge of Mr. William W. Wilcomb, was interrupted by his illness in the latter part of January, and could not be completed, much to the regret of the friends of the school. Number of different pupils, 31.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

The law requires that all teachers of Common Schools shall be qualified for "examination in reading, spelling, writing, English grammar, and the elements of geography and history," and that in the more advanced schools, other studies may be required.

By the enactment of the New Hampshire Legislature in 1883, "they shall be examined in Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and other narcotics on the human system;" and the study "shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced."

For this reason, "Brand's Lessons on the Human Body" has been adopted as the text book in Physiology. Classes have been already formed in some schools, and general lessons learned from it in others, in which the whole school participated.

SUMMARY OF WORK AND WANTS.

The unusual harmony evident in the schools, this year, the increase of punctuality, and the new impulse gained, in some schools, in certain branches of study, are all encouraging indications. There are teachers (may their number increase!) whose earnest study it is to enlarge their work and make it more fruitful, who feel a constant interest in a child's real welfare, who endeavor to "put themselves in its place," mentally, that they may understand and explain its difficulties—with whom a mother may be more than willing to entrust her child.

I am sometimes asked if I am satisfied with a school. *Satisfied* is a large word, and it takes a great deal to fill its meaning. We should be gratified with progress, but only satisfied with perfection in our work. Our best teachers feel this most, and are constantly reviewing their work, to see if there is anything one-sided about it—whether they are giving undue prominence to one department at the expense of any other, or how they may expend their strength more judiciously. We may be hopeful, but not yet satisfied, for we still have many wants.

We want to have every school on the list of those who will not be tardy or absent without good reason.

We want—and this is a very great want—to have all children come from their homes, with the determination of being industrious and obedient.

We want children to form the habit of going *through* a book, after they begin it, and not to drop it, in the midst, for a more attractive study.

We want all classes trained to speak, so that they can be easily heard. In reading, the teacher should illustrate by her own example. The utterance should be *full* rather than *loud*, and not too rapid. Delicacy of expression is sometimes lost, where the voice is over strained.

Where there are maps we wish that all members of the geography classes should be trained to recite from them. Also to draw maps themselves, first with, and afterward without, the book. The excellent map of New Hampshire, provided by the former Superintendent, ought to be be made more generally useful.

We wish that every one would acquire a good knowledge of U. S. History and Physiology, before leaving school. We hope that most will go further in their studies than this.

There is a good, old-fashioned word *drill*, whose use we would recommend to some teachers. It is a mistake to suppose that a lesson, once understood and recited, is a permanent possession of the pupils. Those only, who make every day a review-day, to some extent, will be sure of this result.

We feel like making a plea to parents not to cut short their children's school days. It is too often the case that those who have made a good start in their studies, drop them, just when they are most deeply interested, and ready to make them most productive, for what seems to be more profitable employment. All profit is not in dollars and cents, and, if it were, intelligence adds to efficiency, in almost any useful labor. Next to a right character, a well stored and active mind is a child's best inheritance.

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